

Community Residential Recovery Group
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Update from DMH

CON Light – DMH has developed a clear process to be followed. The CON process for smaller programs will be overseen by the VDH and done one process on this was done in a non-mental health program in one DA area. DAIL and VDH Commissioners have been given broad oversight on this for smaller projects

Update on Consortium

Attached to the notes is a write up by the three agency consortium—CMC, HCHS, WCMHS, on the basic programmatic concept of a Community Recovery Residence.

This was discussed by the group and the following was noted:

We—the Consortium—are beginning to organize Staff training. At this time we have established a need for trainings in trauma sensitive care, NAPPI, blood borne pathogens, Recovery education and Medication dispensing.

Rural, cost effectiveness, security, and program number issues

The challenges are;

- Transportation. Rural location has been a significant problem. Working with GMTA, other local non-Profit and residential program overlaps to create new transportation options. (It was noted that Spring Lake Ranch is rural, Plainfield for Spruce Mt Inn, Birch House was in Littleton, NH.)
- Medication issues How to decide what stand to take on medication for persons who don't want it
- Strength of rural locations
- Stigma no matter what the location.
- Cost effectiveness – not cheaper, but shorter LOS means that over time we would be able to reduce individual cost--less expensive per person, but not per bed..
- Not every detail has been worked out, but consistent with the most forward thinking programs that are currently in place.

Working framework

- Security is as needed for anyone out of VSH. Persons released with violent histories are almost all involved with court review of this. Individualized security plans should be considered.
- Peer input in high in the Consortium programs

The workgroup in the end decided to recommend adoption of the CRR as an overall framework to forward to the Futures Committee. As well the work plan should be used for development of more of these sites over time.

Next meeting April 5, 2006 – 9-11 a.m. at the WCMHS Moody Court offices.